

CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2026 MINUTES

DATE: 8/12/26 TIME: 6:00p MEETING LOCATION: Cheyenne Ice and Events Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Attendees include Vice President B WHITE, Secretary J GRONSKI, Treasurer J MARRIOTT, Registrar T SCHLAGEL, Scheduler K WASHENFELDER, Scheduler J PARRISH, SafeSport Coordinator N MARRIOTT, Equipment Manager C VAUGHAN, Fundraising Chair C HAMMACK, Fundraising Chair A ESTES, Disciplinary Chair M Samuel, Dir., of Program Development S WASHENFELDER, Coach-in-Chief J Cover
- b. QUORUM ESTABLISHED; the online link failed and attendance was limited to in-person.

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. July 2026 – APPROVED with no edits (Motion: C HAMMACK, 2nd J MARRIOTT; passed unanimously)

IV. OPEN ISSUES (OLD BUSINESS)

- a. Photography agreement
 - a. C HAMMACK asked for comments on the distributed contract.
 - i. They will add a clause that pictures will be to parents within 60 days.
 - ii. There will only be a makeup day if a significant number of players cannot attend.
 - iii. There was brief discussion that it is unlikely that teams will be decided at the time of photos.
 - iv. The contract can be terminated within 30 days by either party.
 - b. Given the lack of makeup availability and the likelihood that there may be school performances, and a discussion that January is too late and risks too many conflicts, the board opted to seek availability for December 1 or 2.
 - c. J GRONSKI moved to enter into a contract with YSPN for team and individual photos for the 2026-2027 season. 2nd: C HAMMACK; passed unanimously.
- b. Glantz Camp (November)
 - a. D HAMMACK left notes about the concerns about funding and dates (currently held for October 5-8 and March 1-4). The board was reminded that it has already voted to approve this expense. No action taken.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bantam Registration
 - a. J GRONSKI shared the decisions from the work session: our primary goal is to field two teams, followed move some eligible Bantam players up to the High School team to allow all players the opportunity to play and naming some Bantams practice players.

- i. There are 4 Bantams that have responded with some interest in trying out for the HS team. J GRONSKI asked that we clarify language in future communications. This listed playing up as an option, the next communication to families should outline what this looks like in action.
 - b. C VAUGHAN shared the frustration that all but one of the potentially impacted players have been Capitals for their entire time playing.
 - c. A ESTES shared that it should be our priority to have kids on the ice—she doesn't want to see us make cuts.
 - d. T SCHLAGEL noted that this continues to be a problem and we ought to change the system, so it isn't as devastating each season. Perhaps we have people register to try out then pay their registration fees after tryouts.
 - i. She also ran the numbers—each practice player will cost the organization \$57/week. Historically we've had minimal fees for those who are practice players. This does not cover our expenses. We need to decide about the practice player fee this season. Members discussed \$350, \$300 and \$350 for the 18 weeks of practice.
 - e. Ultimately, we will decide about this at our September 2 meeting.
- b. Registration status
 - a. T SCHLAGEL updated the board on current registration numbers (total of 158)
 - i. Mites: 40
 - ii. Squirts: 21
 - iii. Peewees: 29
 - iv. Bantam: 21
 - v. High School: 34
 - vi. Girls: 13
 - b. We expected 168 registrations, down from 187 last year. 2 registrations have been cancelled because of families moving.
 - c. The board discussed a September decision about playing Mites up to round out the Squirt numbers.
- c. Mental Awareness Speaker
 - a. C HAMMACK shared a request to host a motivational speaker/magician who will highlight the importance of mental health. He could discuss mental clarity, dealing with pressure and focus. This comes from the deep impact of several suicides in the community last season. All players would be welcome (all ages, one presentation). She requested board approval to discuss with the speaker costs and potential dates.
 - i. B WHITE shared that her son's baseball team did something similar and the turnout was less than expected/needed.
 - ii. J GRONSKI shared financial concerns—if we aren't sure we can afford to hockey expenses (Glantz Camp) this doesn't seem like a wise use of resources. She also highlighted an existing community resource (the Jae Foundation) that may be a partner to consider.

- iii. J MARRIOTT stated she was confident she could find a sponsor to cover the \$250 fee. M SAMUEL suggested finding a way to partner with the community.
 - iv. The conversation was tabled until the September meeting.
 - d. Expenditure Authorizations
 - a. Golf Tournament
 - i. C HAMMACK requested \$1500 for signs, swag bag materials and scorecards for the golf tournament. She also asked the board give J MARRIOTT approval to cover the cost of the golf course and food and petty cash for fundraisers at the golf tournament.
 - ii. After ongoing conversations, J GRONSKI moved to allocate up to \$7500 of the golf tournament funds to pay for golf tournament expenses including signs, swag bag materials, score cards, player meals and golf course fees; 2nd K WASHENFELDER; passed unanimously
 - b. Skill Shark
 - i. Coaches have expressed interest in using Skill Shark for player evaluations. The cost is \$10 per player (in the form of an annual subscription).
 - 1. N MARRIOTT outlined some of the limitations, including that the report can vary based on individual coaching interpretation of the skill. He believes a hard copy eval sheet is a better option. Sharing this with parents may lead to problems early in the season.
 - 2. B WHITE highlighted that some of the results can be offensive (i.e. coachability).
 - 3. Ongoing discussions included:
 - a. passing the fee onto parents at the High School and Bantam level and not offering it at younger levels
 - b. how we can hold coaches accountable to using the system/the need for consistency and strong guidance from the Coach-in-Chief
 - c. an offer to create a spreadsheet for all players
 - d. a note that Squirts are really the only team that must have tryouts immediately
 - 4. The board tabled the following proposal:
 - a. No Skill Shark for 8U/10U
 - b. Potentially using Skill Shark at older levels, at the coach's discretion
 - c. Pass the cost on to parents
 - c. Dryland balls/puck reimbursement
 - i. C HAMMACK moved to reimburse D HANCOCK \$231.81 for dryland balls and pucks. 2nd K WASHENFELDER; passed unanimously.
 - ii. Expenses must be limited to annual expenses or standard things like website charges, background checks etc.

VI. REPORTS

- a. VP
 - a. B WHITE reports that she needs USA Hockey numbers, Safe Sport Certification and Background Checks from all board members.
- b. Secretary
 - a. J GRONSKI shared the finalized volunteer points system. After board discussion, members who do not buy out at all age groups will be required to have 30 points. J GRONSKI will prepare the final documents for the Team Manager and pre-season meetings.
- c. Treasurer
 - a. J MARRIOTT shared the financial reports and asked for clarification on the following:
 - i. When we pay the rink (at the end of each month when we have ice)
 - ii. Who manages the 501(c)3 paperwork (historically the treasurer/accountant and president)
 - b. J MARRIOTT committed to convening a finance committee meeting to establish a budget for this season. This will be presented at the September meeting.
- d. Registrar
 - a. T SCHLAGEL stated that we will need updated signatures from players/parents on the Code-of Conduct. She will work with Crossbar to see if there's a way we can push this out to parents or if we will need to get them at the beginning of the season.
- e. Schedulers
 - a. J PARISH and K WASHENFELDER shared that the High School team is asking for additional ice time. They would like to move practice to 4-5:15p twice a week to allow more divided ice time (Varsity/JV). Additionally, the coaches would like to host a morning practice. Given that ice prices are going up 3-5%, there's not enough in the registration fees we charged these players to cover this additional time.
- f. Safe Sport
 - a. N MARRIOTT reminded board members to complete their Safe Sport certification. There was brief discussion about the challenges of not being able to do it until you are 30 days from expiration.
- g. Equipment Manager
 - a. C VAUGHAN announced that she is sending an email to parents with 2 links to order their jersey and warmups.
- h. Fundraising Coordinators
 - a. C HAMMACK and A ESTES shared the Fundraising Parent Handout with details on the major fundraisers we will do this season. They also asked for help hosting the upcoming Breeze Thru Car Wash fundraiser. We need players and families on-site.

VII. ADJOURNED 8:10p (Motion J GRONSKI; 2nd K WASHENFELDER; passed unanimously)